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## The Rave announces first act of Hip-Hop Week MKE 2023

Today at noon, The Rave announced that **Jadakiss**, hip-hop star and freestyle rapper, will be the headline act of Hip-Hop Week MKE 2023. Jadakiss is the first act to be officially announced for this year's Hip-Hop Week, which will run from **August 21-27**, **2023**.

Hip-Hop Week is returning in 2023 after a multi-year absence due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and coincides with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hip-Hop genre. Hip-Hop is largely considered to have originated in the Bronx in 1973, and Hip-Hop Week MKE will be one of many celebrations taking place nationally throughout the summer.

**Alderman Khalif J. Rainey,** founder of Hip-Hop Week MKE, expressed his excitement at the announcement of Jadakiss' presence and his enthusiasm for the return of Hip-Hop Week.

"We celebrate Hip-Hop because it is more than just music: It is artistic expression, community connection, and a force for social progress all in one," Alderman Rainey said. "That's why this year's celebrations will include not only live music from talented artists, but also a variety of other events to help inform our community members about such vital topics as civil engagement, personal wellness, and financial success. I am incredibly excited to host the return of Hip-Hop Week MKE, especially on the occasion of Hip-Hop's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I am equally excited that we will have such a talented performer as Jadakiss performing during this year's festivities, and I am confident that this year's Hip-Hop Week will be the best one yet."

Alderman Rainey also wanted to acknowledge the rapper **Sauce Money** (aka Todd Gaither) for his vital assistance in curating Hip-Hop Week MKE 2023.

Tickets for the Jadakiss concert at The Rave can be purchased here: https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/6303283/jadakiss-milwaukee-the-rave-eagles-club



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